GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2851
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SUBSIDY FOR HAJ PILGRIMAGE
Bhargav Shri Girdhari Lal

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apex Court has extended its stay on the Allahabad High Court Order restraining the Union Government from providing Haj subsidy or subsidy for any other pilgrimage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) As the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has not yet decided the matter in Writ Petition No. 1533 of 1995, the Supreme Court, while disposing of the Special Leave Petition No. 15495 of 2006 filed by the Government, at the last hearing held on 21st Jan., 2008, has directed that the stay order would continue to operate for any subsequent year also till the final disposal of the writ petition which is pending before the High Court and requested the High Court to dispose of the petition at the earliest.